

October 5, 1977

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Mr. Edward Jay Epstein
430 East 86th Street
New York, New York 10028

Dear Mr. Epstein:

Kennedy

The letter dated September 20, 1977, with enclosure, which you addressed to the Honorable Frank M. Johnson, Jr., at our Headquarters has been received. Judge Johnson has not yet arrived in Washington to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee for confirmation of his appointment as FBI Director. Thus, I am taking the liberty of responding to the letter which you wrote him.

The overwhelming majority of questions posed in your enclosure involve matters of apparent speculation on your part concerning sources and methods utilized by the FBI in its intelligence investigations, as well as identities of persons who may have been subjects of such investigations. Answers to questions of this nature could result in disclosure of sensitive classified national security information involving the foreign policy and national defense of the United States, and this is prohibited from disclosure by Executive Order 11652, as well as by a National Security Council Directive of May 17, 1972, and by Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17 (28 CFR 17).

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As is indicated in Volumes V and XI of the published "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," the April 10, 1963, shooting incident at the home of General Edwin A. Walker in Dallas, Texas, was investigated by the Dallas Police Department, not by the FBI.

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- Intell. - Mr. Mintz - Enclosures (2)
- Laboratory - Mr. Decker - Enclosures (2)
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Mr. Edward Jay Epstein

I am certain you will be interested to know that later this fall a substantial portion of the FBI's Lee Harvey Oswald--John F. Kennedy assassination file will be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. Arrangements are being made for you to be notified when this occurs.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Epstein visited FBIHQ in January, 1976, to discuss his plans to write a book, under contract with "The Reader's Digest," regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. Primarily through Miss Pam Butler of "The Reader's Digest," he has been in contact with the Public Affairs Office intermittently since that time.

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